CLAIMS .

1. A pyrotechnic gas-generating composition comprising an oxidizing charge constituted by basic copper nitrate (BCN), a reducing charge constituted by guanidine nitrate (GN) and a binder, the composition being characterized in that it also comprises:

an additional reducing charge selected from the group formed by hexogene (RDX), octogene (HMX), penthrite (PETN), triaminoguanidine nitrate (TAGN), nitroguanidine, 3-nitro-1,2,4-triazol-5-one (ONTA) and mono- and bi-tetrazoles; and/or, advantageously and

· an additional oxidizing charge which forms a solid solution obtained by substitution with quanidine nitrate (GN); and

in that the binder, which is hydrosoluble, is based on a mixture of at least one carboxymethylcellulose with a high molecular mass and at least one carboxymethylcellulose with a low molecular mass, in a mass ratio in the range 95/5 to 60/40.

- 2. The composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the basic copper nitrate (BCN) is present in a mass fraction in the range 50% to 60% of the total composition mass.
- 3. The composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that the guanidine nitrate (GN) is present in a mass fraction in the range 20% to 40% of the total composition mass.
- 4. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the additional reducing charge is hexogene (RDX) or octogene (HMX).
- 5. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that additional reducing charge is present in a mass fraction of less than 15% with respect to the total composition mass.
- 6. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the additional oxidizing charge which is present is selected from the

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group formed by ammonium perchlorate, potassium perchlorate, ammonium nitrate, sodium nitrate and potassium nitrate.

7. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the additional oxidizing charge which is present is selected from the group formed by ammonium perchlorate and potassium perchlorate; and in that said additional oxidizing charge advantageously consists of ammonium perchlorate.

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- 8. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the additional oxidizing charge is present in a mass fraction of less than 15% of the total composition mass.
- 9. The composition according to any one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the binder is present in a mass fraction in the range 2% to 15% of the total composition mass.
 - 10. Pyrotechnic compounds able to be obtained from a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 9.
 - 11. The pyrotechnic compounds according to claim 10, manufactured and formed by a pelletization or disk compression process.
- 12. The pyrotechnic compounds according to claim 10, manufactured and formed by an extrusion process.
 - 13. The pyrotechnic compounds according to claim 10 or 12, of the monolithic, mono- or multi-perforated type.